



## Office of Mayor Fletcher Berger

Greetings from the Mayor

I would like to welcome our new homeowners, home renters and apartment dwellers to our community. I am truly delighted that you selected Bedford Heights as your relocation destination. There are a number of fine communities and options to choose from, but you ultimately decided to settle here.

I would also like to welcome and express my appreciation to the many business owners who either began startups or relocated to Bedford Heights last year. Your overall success contributes greatly to the continued growth and stability of our beautiful community. The diversity of companies currently existing as well as those relocating to our community is truly astounding (*manufacturing, health care providers, retail, metal processing, electrical and concrete contractors, etc.*). It is imperative that we maintain a climate whereby our local business community can realize their fullest potential and thrive. This in part will enable this administration to preserve the standard of living our residents have come to expect and rely on.

Our parks and recreation areas continue to expand and offer residents greater opportunities to hike, enjoy the great outdoors and host special events and/or gatherings. We also have an excellent outdoor swimming facility at Reed Park (*located on Eldridge Boulevard between Ridgeway Drive and Uppingham Road*). I encourage all Bedford Heights residents to take advantage of this recreational resource. During my nine years as Mayor, we continue to expand recreational opportunities for our residents in the form of playground areas, pavilions, a community garden, etc. It is my belief that these social and wellness environments will lead to a healthier and more unified Bedford Heights.

My primary objective is to maintain a balanced budget; without which the current standards of living that our residents now enjoy would not be possible. Our many accomplishments over the course of the last nine years would have been more challenging without the help of our elected council representatives.

Concerning the former Bedford Heights hotel site, we have worked diligently for a number of years to return that site to a productive usage. I can now say with certainty that this hotel structure will be demolished this year (2017). This will increase the options and opportunities for new development.

As always, I am truly grateful to you for the privilege of being your Mayor. I remain committed to providing the residents of Bedford Heights with excellent service, and a financially secure and safe community.

Thank you for your continued support and do not hesitate to contact me.